Dance in Guruvayur Temple

†1118. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS :
SHRI BALAVANT Alias BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Jehadi order has been issued against Rubiyan for performing dance in Guruvayur Temple; and

(b) whether members of the family have demanded help from the Central and State Government?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) According to available information no application was received by Guruvayur Devaswom from Rubiyan for any dance performance in Guruvayur Temple. As such the question of any Jehadi order and members of the Rubiyan family demanding help from State/Central Government does not arise.

Discovery of old city Shisupalgarh in Orissa

1119. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is a fact that a 2500 year old city namely Shisupalgarh has been discovered in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the discovery;

(c) how many new sites have been discovered so far by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) after independence;

(d) what are the details thereof and how their conservation is being managed by the ASI; and

(e) how many sites dating back to epic period and Vedic era are there in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI):(a) and (b) The recent excavation carried out at an early historic period site of Shisupalgarh by Deccan College, Pune suggests that its earliest date may go back to 2500 years ago. ASI has excavated the site in 1948. Shisupalgarh, located about 4 km east of Bhubaneswar, is also identified as Tosali of Asokan (3rd century B.C.) edicts and Kalinganagara of Kharavela's (2nd century B.C.) incription.

(c) and (d) A list of major city sites excavated since independence is given in this statement (*See* below). The details of new sites discovered by the ASI are reported in its publication 'Indian Archaeology—A Review'. The ASI undertakes conservation of excavated sites after their protection under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958.

(e) No such classifications has been done.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

A List of Major City Sites Excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India since Independence.

Sl. No.	Site	District	State
1.	Alamgirpur	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Ayodhya	Faizabad	UttarPradesh
3.	Banawali	Hissar	Haryna
4.	Bara	Rupnagar	Punjab
5.	Bateswar	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Besnagar	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh
7.	Bhagwanpura	Kurukshetra	Haryana
8.	Barauch (Broach)	Broach	Gujarat
9.	Crangnore (Kodungallur)	Trichur	Kerala
10.	Daimabad	Ahmadnagar	Maharashtra
11.	Dharanikota	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
12.	Dholavira	Kutch	Gujarat
13.	Fatehpur Sikri	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
14.	Ganwaria	Basti (now Sidharth Nagar)	Uttar Pradesh
15.	Gilund	Udaipur	Rajasthan
16.	Hampi	Bellary	Karnataka
17.	Hastinapur	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh
18.	Jaugada	Ganjam	Orissa
19.	Kalibangan	Ganganagar	Rajasthan
20.	Kanauj	Farrukhabad	Uttar Pradesh
21.	Kanchipuram	Chingleput	Tamilnadu
22.	Kashipur	Nainital	Uttrakhand
23.	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Tamilnadu
24.	Kesarapalli	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh
25.	Khalaua	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
26.	Kanispur	Baramula	Jammu & Kashmir
27.	Kunnattur	Chingleput	Tamilnadu
28.	Kurukshetra	Kurukshetra	Haryana
29.	Lal Kot—Qila Rai Pithora	New Delhi (South)	Delhi
30.	Lothal	Ahmadabad	Gujarat
31.	Malwan	Surat	Gujarat
32.	Manda	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir

Sl. No.	Site	District	State
33.	Mathura	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
34.	Nagarjunakonda	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
35.	Nagda	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
36.	Pauni	Bhandara	Maharashtra
37.	Purana Qila	New Delhi	Delhi
38.	Rakhi Garhi	Hissar	Haryana
39.	Ropar	Rupnagar	Punjab
40.	Sankisa	Farrukhabad	Uttar Pradesh
41.	Satani Kota	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh
42.	Siswania	Basti	Uttar Pradesh
43.	Sisupalgarh	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
44.	Sravasti	Sravasti	Uttar Pradesh
45.	Surkotada	Kutch	Gujarat
46.	Tamluk	Midnapur	West Bengal
47.	Ujjain	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
48.	Virabhadra	Haridwar	Uttarakhand

Condition of historical buidings in Delhi and other places

†1120. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing buildings of historical importance have fallen in danger in many places including Delhi in the name of urbanization;

(b) if so, whether Government would take any step for safety of these buildings of historical importance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A variety of factors like urbanization, commercialization and implementation of development projects pose a potential threat to the country's monuments including those in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Archaeological Survey of India undertakes the maintenance, conservation and protection of monuments of national importance in the country including those in Delhi. Adequate legal safeguards are in place to check the pressure of urbanisation around the monuments through notification of prohibited area of 100 meters and regulated area of further 200 meters from the protection limits. Archaeological Survey of India has also

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